

over the years is extensive. The Citizens for a Better City, Village Preservation and Improvement Society, League of Women Voters, Women's Club of Falls Church, Falls Church Lions Club, Falls Church Education Foundation, Falls Church Arts Council, and Falls Church Cable Access, have all benefitted from her membership and constant support. Ms. Frady was also an active member of the Falls Church Chamber of Commerce, where she served as a member of the Executive Committee, and in 2000, was awarded the Chamber's "Pillar of the Community" award. In recognition of her lifetime of achievement, the Mayor and City Council of Falls Church are planning to proclaim December 14, 2009, "Edna Frady Day."

As heavily involved as Ms. Frady was with non-profit community service organizations, she matched that effort as a stalwart force in the Democratic Party. For two decades, she helped lead the Falls Church Democratic Committee, serving on both the 8th Congressional District Committee, and the Democratic State Central Committee. In honor of her commitment, Ms. Frady received the Democratic State Central Committee's "Grass Roots Award." In 2006, she was awarded the Falls Church Democratic Committee's "Marian Driver Award for Outstanding Service."

It's a true honor to recognize someone who so selflessly worked for the betterment of her community and fellow citizens. I know that even in retirement, Edna will continue to find ever more fulfilling challenges to assist those around her.

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN AND JULIE KARBER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Steven and Julie Karber of Jefferson, Iowa, on being named the winners of the "Gary Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award." This award recognizes Iowa livestock farmers who dedicate themselves not only to their professions and their community, but also to caring for the environment.

The state of Iowa is celebrating the Karber's achievements, but I feel that we in the U.S. House of Representatives should also recognize and commend the valuable professional and social contributions of Iowa's livestock farmers. Steve and Julie raise sheep in the Jefferson area of my district, but Steve is also an M.D. with an active practice. When the Karbers aren't promoting the sheep industry or handling the day to day demands of being a physician, they are actively supporting the local 4-H and are involved in other community organizations.

I commend Steve and Julie for their many years of loyalty and service to Iowa and to our country. It is an immense honor to represent them in Congress, and I know they will continue to serve as role models of the values of community service in this Country.

TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2009—

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation that will extend tax relief to millions of Americans, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009. This bill will extend 40 tax cuts which are due to expire at the end of this year, many of which are important to businesses and families in Central New Jersey.

New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the country. While property taxes are assessed on a local basis to fund local services and schools, I have attempted at the federal level to provide some relief to homeowners. Earlier this year, I reintroduced the Universal Homeowner Tax Relief Act (H.R. 2725) which would extend the property tax deduction for American homeowners who don't itemize on their federal returns. I helped write this initiative to create an additional standard deduction of \$500 for single filers and \$1,000 for joint filers for local real property taxes paid. I am pleased that the bill before us today extends this deduction for the 2010 tax year and provides needed relief to the 30 million homeowners nationwide and an estimated 600,000 New Jerseyans who are due to lose this benefit this year.

H.R. 4213 also includes \$17 billion in tax cuts that would help American businesses create and preserve jobs during these difficult economic times. It would extend the low-income housing tax credit exchange program which has invested more than \$3.7 billion in the construction of more than 49,000 low-income housing units nationwide. It will also invest \$3 billion to encourage economic development in economically distressed communities.

I especially support that H.R. 4213 would extend the research and development tax credit for an additional year. This tax credit is crucial in spurring private research and driving technological innovation and will support R&D at 11,000 American companies this year. This credit stimulates American made innovation and preserves and creates new high paying jobs in research and development. As important as the R&D tax credit has been, it has never been a permanent part of the tax code and has been allowed to expire several times, most notably in 2007. Congress should work to make this tax credit permanent in order to strengthen the incentive for businesses to invest in long-term research by giving corporate leaders certainty that their research investments will be rewarded year after year.

The Tax Extenders Act of 2009 also would extend the above-the-line deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses. This tax cut of up to \$4,000 helps parents offset the rising cost of higher education and keeps a college degree within reach of many middle class families. H.R. 4213 also would extend the teacher tax credit that allows teachers to deduct up to \$250 for purchasing classroom supplies for their students. More than 3.4 million teachers benefited from this tax credit this year.

The Tax Extenders Act ensures that these tax cuts do not increase the deficit by providing the U.S. Treasury Department with significant new tools to find and prosecute U.S.

individuals that hide assets overseas from the Internal Revenue Service.

I am always looking to extend tax relief to New Jersey families. This bill does that in a fiscally responsible way.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)
Legal Name of Recipient: Appalachia Service Project

Address of Recipient: 216 Green Hill Drive, Chavies, KY 41727

Description of Request: Provides directed funding of \$460,000 to the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) in Chavies, Ky. ASP is a volunteer-based organization that works to build and repair homes for underprivileged people in the Appalachian region. In rural counties of Kentucky, significant poverty often prevents families from maintaining access to basic services like water and sewer and performing regular home maintenance. Since 1969, ASP has provided critical repairs to 13,000 homes in Central Appalachia and life-changing volunteer experiences to over 240,000 people. In 2008, the economic impact of ASP's activities across Kentucky was \$3.15 million, and ASP will combine this FY10 funding with private contributions to provide emergency home repairs for disadvantaged families in rural Kentucky.

CONGRATULATING ALIVIANE, INC.'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aliviane, Inc., as they celebrate their 40th anniversary. Based in my congressional district of El Paso, Texas, Aliviane is the largest and oldest drug abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment provider in the West Texas region.

Established in 1969, Aliviane provides a critical service to our community. Over the past 40 years, the organization has grown and now operates several licensed facilities that assist clients and their families with intensive residential treatment and supportive outpatient services. Aliviane's use of cutting-edge services and techniques has allowed the organization to meet the unique needs of its clients. Today, in large part because of Aliviane's pioneering efforts and commitment, behavioral health has become an essential part of primary health care in our country.

Aliviane has developed programs that have become national and international models and